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Mark A. SCHEMBRI et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1636
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Application Number: 10/681,381	)	Examiner: Nancy T. VOGEL
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For: NOVEL MULTIFUNCTIONAL ADHESIN PROTEINS AND THEIR DISPLAY IN MICROBIAL CELLS

PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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PETITION

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) Office Action mailed on September 8, 2004 in the above-captioned application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the time for response be extended up to and including January 8, 2004. A check in the amount of $1,020.00 is included to cover the three-month extension of time fee.

RESPONSE

In the Office Action mailed September 8, 2004, the Examiner requested restriction to one of the following groups of claims in the above-referenced patent application under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1-15 and 18-25, drawn to a multifunctional adhesin protein recombinant cell, populations of the recombinant cell, and a method of making the recombinant cell population, classified in class 435, subclass 252.1.

II. Claims 16-17, 28-32, drawn to a method of removing a metal or other compound from an environment using the recombinant cell of Group 1, classified in class 435, subclass 262.

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